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Washington, D.C. 20231  
U.S.A.

**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION**

As below-named inventor(s), I(we) declare,

That the information given herein is true and that I(we) believe that we are the original, first and sole inventor(s) of the invention that is described and claimed in the specification and claims of the above-identified application;

That the subject matter of the amendments filed in this application on July 20, 1998, was part of my(our) invention and was invented before the filing of the above-identified application;

That I(we) do not know and do not believe that said invention was ever known or used in the United States of

America before my(our) invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application or, if this application is entitled under 35 USC §120 to the filing date of a predecessor application, more than one year prior to such predecessor application;

That the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me(us) or my(our) legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, or to said predecessor application, and has not been abandoned;

That no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by my(us) or my(our) legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to the present application, or to said predecessor application, except as has been set forth in the original Oath or Declaration or any Substitute Oath or Declaration filed in the above-identified application, and

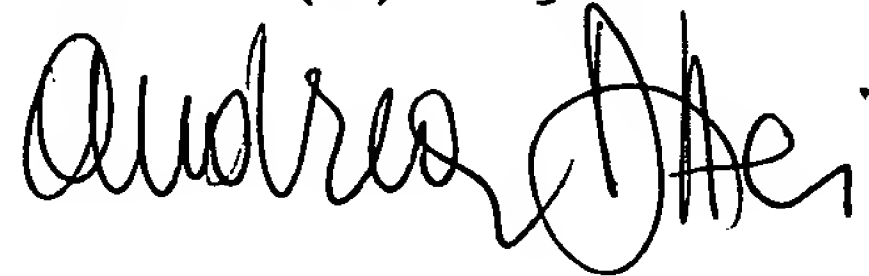
That I(we) hereby acknowledge a duty to disclose information of which I(we) am(are) aware and which is material to the examination of this application;

That I(we) hereby ratify all transactions in the United States Patent and Trademark Office carried out in the prosecution of this application by our attorneys and agents of record and ratify the appointment of our principal agents, Guido MODIANO, Reg. No. 19,928, and Albert JOSIF, Reg. No. 22,917, MODIANO & ASSOCIATI, via Meravigli 16, 20123 MILAN - Italy, Tel. (02) 8692442.

I(we) further declare that all statements made herein of my(our) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of said application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: November 23, 1998

Inventor(s) signatures:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrea DREI".

Andrea DREI